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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6459**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1095

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 20, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 19, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Special License Plates.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill reauthorizes the sale of, and requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to cease sales of the Food Bank Trust and Mental Health Trust special group recognition license plates under certain circumstances. The bill provides that the time period in which the Food Bank and Mental Health Trust license plates must achieve minimum sales requirements begins January 1, 2002. It requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission (BMVC) to exhibit a sample display of all special group license plates in license branches. It creates a Huntington College trust special group recognition license plate. The bill creates an Ancilla College trust special group recognition license plate. It creates a Breast Cancer Trust special group recognition license plate. It creates a Riley Hospital trust special group recognition license plate. The bill specifies the method of distribution for the funds deposited in the Huntington College, Ancilla College, Breast Cancer, and Riley Hospital Trust funds. It makes conforming changes. The bill provides that a college or university special group license plate may not be terminated unless the plate fails to sell at least 500 plates in each of two consecutive years. The bill removes the requirement that a purchaser of a state educational institution license plate give consent for the release of the name and address of the purchaser for acknowledgment of purchase. It requires that 25% of the fees collected from the sale of education license plates be allocated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and 75% be allocated for the benefit of school corporations.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2001; January 1, 2002; January 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) Prison Enterprise Network (PEN Products), the manufacturing arm of prison-made products, submits charges to the BMV based on the number of colors in the design as shown in the schedule below:

<u>Colors</u>	<u>Set-Up Charge</u>	<u>Price Per Plate</u>
1	\$105	\$3.90
2	\$170	\$4.00
3	\$235	\$4.10
4	\$300	\$4.30
5	\$365	\$4.60
6	\$430	\$5.00

These prices are effective for the 2001-2003 biennium.

Additional charges include \$75 per color for any special colors that are not included in PEN's ten standard colors. If PEN Products does the artwork, there is a \$45-per-hour charge. Origination fees include the film positives and the silk screen charges. When the art work is provided by the customer, the set-up fee is \$17.50. The fund affected for PEN Products is PEN Products Revolving Fund. There will also be computer and accounting changes for the BMV. The fund affected for the BMV is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

The bill provides for the reinstatement of the Indiana Food Bank Trust license plates and the Indiana Mental Health Trust license plate. The sale of these plates did not reach the established threshold set for them and they were discontinued. This bill now reinstates them with the proviso that each must sell at least 2,000 plates over four years of a five year period, beginning January 1, 2002. If these two plates fail to meet the required sales quota, they will be discontinued.

The bill also provides that the BMV may not terminate a college's or university's qualification for the special group license plate program unless fewer than 500 of the college's or university's license plates are sold or renewed in each of two consecutive years. This provision potentially will affect the following colleges or universities based on CY 2000 sales: St. Mary of the Woods, the University of Southern Indiana, Marian College, and Vincennes University.

The Commissioner of the BMV is to administer the Breast Cancer Trust Fund, the Huntington College Trust Fund, the Ancilla College Trust Fund, the Riley Hospital Trust Fund, the Indiana Food Bank Trust Fund, and the Indiana Mental Health Trust Fund. Expenses of administering these funds shall be paid from money in the respective funds. Money in the Breast Cancer Trust Fund, the Huntington College Trust Fund, the Ancilla College Trust Fund, and the Riley Hospital Trust Fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund. Money in each of the Funds is continuously appropriated for the purposes of this bill.

On June 30 of each year, the Commissioner of the BMV shall distribute the money in the Breast Cancer Trust Fund to the Office of Women's Health established under IC 16-19-13 for distribution throughout the state for programs related to cancer and breast cancer awareness. Money in the Huntington College Trust Fund is to be distributed to Huntington College. Funds in the Ancilla College Trust Fund go to Ancilla College.

On June 30 of each year, the Commissioner of the BMV shall distribute the money in the Indiana Food Bank Trust Fund to the Gleaners Food Bank Trust License Plate Committee that is composed of representatives of each food bank located in Indiana.

On June 30 of each year, the Commissioner of the BMV shall distribute the money in Indiana Mental Health

Trust Fund to the Mental Health Association of Indiana.

On June 30 of each year, the Commissioner of the BMV shall distribute the money from the Riley Hospital Trust Fund to the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children as provided under IC 20-12-31-6.

The bill also requires the BMV to display a sample display of all special group recognition license plates. The BMV reports that 37 of the special recognition groups have already paid \$180 each to have their specific special recognition license plate be part of the display required in this proposal. This amount was paid to the BMV who contracted for the display. Any additional groups will be required to pay to have their license plate part of the display. The specific cost may be different from the \$180.

The bill removes the requirement that a purchaser of a state educational institution plate give consent for the release of the name and address of the purchaser for acknowledgment of the purchase. This provision will have no fiscal impact.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Potential revenue from the sales of the newly created license plates is not known. However, based on the 1999 sales of special recognition license plates, revenue resulting from the \$25 annual fee could range from \$925 to \$1,906,600. This money would be deposited into the respective and newly created Trust Funds established by the bill. There also is an administrative fee of \$12 for special recognition license plates. Of the \$12 fee, \$6 is distributed to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission, \$5 to the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, and \$1 to the Crossroads 2000 program for highway bonding and construction. Revenue from this fee is not known. However, based on the 1999 sales of special recognition license plates, revenue from the \$12 fee could range from \$444 to \$915,168. It should be noted that it is possible that sales of these new special plates could, to some extent, supplant the sales of other special plates.

Currently, 25% of the fees collected from the sale of education license plates are allocated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and 75% are allocated for the benefit of school corporations. Under current law, beginning January 1, 2002, the Superintendent of Public Instruction would receive no revenue from the sale of the education license plate. However, this bill provides that the Superintendent's share will remain at 25%. The specific impact will depend upon the number of education license plates sold. Based on CY 2000 sales of the education license plate of \$692,000, the 25% share would amount to approximately \$173,000 per year.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Under current statute, school corporations will receive, beginning January 1, 2002, 100% of the revenue generated by the sale of education license plates, as compared to the 75% they currently receive. However, under this bill, the school share will remain at 75%. Based on CY 2000 sales of the plate, the 25% share would amount to approximately \$173,000 per year statewide.

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Department of Correction (PEN Products); Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations.

**Information Sources:** Becky Gillam, Sales and Marketing Director of PEN Products, 387-2020; Bureau of Motor Vehicles license plate data for 1999; Melanie Schwartz, Deputy Commissioner of the BMV, 233-1218.